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WEEKLY COTON GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS FOR  
SOUTHEASTERN STATES FOR WEEK ENDING  
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Weekly grade and staple reports for States in the Southeast, issued today by the Atlanta office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, generally show lower grades and shorter staple lengths than were reported last week.

Cotton from Florida ginnings is considerably lower in grade this week than for any previous week this season. The reports for Georgia and South Carolina reflect a moderate lowering of grades over last week, while an improvement in grades is shown for Alabama. The report for North Carolina, the first this season, shows the highest average grade for the week in this group of States. The proportion of Middling and higher grades (White) for this week are as follows: Georgia, 49 percent; Alabama, 60 percent; Florida, 17 percent; South Carolina, 47 percent; and North Carolina, 71 percent.

The reports for Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina show shorter average staple lengths than for any other week this season. The increase in the proportion of cotton shorter than  $7/8$  inch is particularly evident in the Florida and Alabama reports, while the Georgia report shows a moderate increase in this short, untenderable cotton. Nearly one fourth of the cotton classed from Florida and Alabama this week is shorter than  $7/8$  inch.

